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1. THE THREE MAN DELEGATION HEADED BY AKEL SECRETARY GENERAL
PAPAIOANNOU CONTINUED ITS ROUND OF CALLS ON GREEK POLITICAL
LEADERS JAN 26, AND PAPAIOANNOU DELIVERED A HARD-HITTING
ANTI-AMERICAN SPEECH THAT NIGHT AT A RALLY ORGANIZED BY
THE MOSCOW-ORIENTED COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREECE (KKE). THE
DELEGATION RETURNED TO CYPRUS JAN 27.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE MEETINGS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, THE
CYPRIOT COMMUNISTES ALSO MET WITH PASOK PRESIDENT ANDREAS
PAPANDREOU. LIKE MAVROS AND ILIOU EARLIER, PAPANDREOU ALSO
ENDORSED THE CALL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
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CYPRUS, RATHER, HE SAID, THAN LOOKING FOR A SOLUTION
"IN THE BACK ROOMS OF THE US, NATO AND THE EEC".
PAPAIOANNOU ALSO SAW FORMER PRIME MINISTER PANAYIOTIS
KANELLOPOULOS AND FORMER CENTER UNION POLITICIAN JOHN
ZIGDIS, WHO HAS BEEN POLITICALLY INACTIVE SINCE HIS
DEFEAT IN THE NOV 1974 ELECTIONS. (THE AKEL DELEGATION DID
NOT CALL ON THE ANTI-KKE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE INTERIOR.)

3. IN HIS SPEECH AT THE KKE RALLY, PAPAIOANNOU ATTACKED "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" IN CYPRUS AND CONTINUED TO PUSH THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO RESOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. HE CONTENTED THAT THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE "AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS" WAS TO TURN THE ISLAND INTO AN "UNSINKABLE" AIR AND MISSILE BASE FOR NATO. HE ALSO ACCUSED THE "AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS" OF FAVORING "DOUBLE ENOSIS" AND CITED AS EVIDENCE THE PROPOSAL TWELVE YEARS AGO (PRESUMABLY THE SO-CALLED ACHESON PLAN) WHICH HE CLAIMED "IS NOW SERVED UP BY THE SAME CIRCLES WITH A NEW GARNISH". HE ALLEGED THE CIA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE JULY 15, 1974 COUP AGAINST MAKARIOS AND LINKED THAT EPISODE WITH THE PLANS OF THE "IMPERIALISTS". IF PRESIDENT CARTER WANTED TO AVOID TURKISH "BLACKMAIL" AND "INTRANSIGENCE", HE ARGUED, HE COULD ACCEPT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. PRAISE FOR ALLEGED SOVIET SUPPORT FOR CYPRUS WAS SPRINKLED THROUGHOUT THE SPEECH.

4. AS TO HOW TO PROCEED ON A FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION, PAPAIOANNOU ENDORSED THE CONCEPT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE BASED ON UN RESOLUTIONS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF UNSC MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NON-ALIGNED. HE SAID THAT THE ISLAND'S INDEPENDENCE MUST BE GUARANTEED BY "THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL OR BY OTHER RELIABLE AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES". THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS, HE CONTENTED, INSIST THAT TURKISH AND ALL OTHER FOREIGN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TROOPS MUST LEAVE. ALL REFUGEES -- GREEKS AND TURKS -- MUST VOLUNTARILY BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND TO THEIR PROPERTIES. ALL MISSING PERSONS MUST BE TRACED. THE ISLAND MUST BE INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN, NON-ALIGNED AND DEMILITARIZED, AND ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY PRESERVED, HE DEMANDED.

5. FINLALY, IN HIS FAREWELL COMMENTS AT THE AIRPORT ON JANUARY 27, PAPAIOANNOU STATED HE WAS GRATIFIED TO FIND UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FROM THE GREEK POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE AKEL POSITION ON A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY AFFOREDED THE AKEL DELEGATION AND CONCLUDED THE VISIT HAD STRENGTHENED EVEN FURTHER THE TIES BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.
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